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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility Design patent application of:

Inventor/Application Identifier: **Masanori NOMOMURA et al.**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING A MULTI-FIBER
POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING FIBER ASSEMBLY**

Enclosed are:

13 sheets of drawings (formal informal size A4).
 25 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.
 38 total pages

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Total Claims	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	(over 20) x \$18.00	<u>\$710.00</u>
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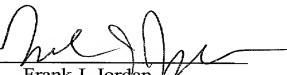
Japan Patent Application No. 2001-071583, filed March 14, 2001.

This is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. _____.

Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
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